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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

A marked up version of the amended abstract, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please rewrite the abstract as follows:

A1  
A golf ball and process for forming a golf ball having at least one layer, where the layer is formed of a polymer blend comprising a thermoplastic component having a flexural modulus of about 60,000 psi or greater and at least one oxa ester, oxa acid, or a combination thereof. The thermoplastic component may be a high acid acid ionomer or a saponified ionomer.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up version of the amended paragraphs, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix B. Please insert the following new header and paragraph after the title and before FIELD OF THE INVENTION on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1  
This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/608,566, filed June

30, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,391,955, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent

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